



### David Larson

DUXBURY HIGH SCHOOL

*Tennis Instructor*



David Larson was expected to join the family business, a successful chemical distribution firm, as his older brother had done. But in 1972 – when he played football, starred in school plays, and had friends in every clique – he wasn't thinking much about business.

After graduating from college, Larson worked at jobs in marketing but soon realized he was in the wrong line of work. He also knew he wouldn't join the

family business. "I wanted to make my own mark in the world," he says, "rather than to follow along on the coattails of Dad's success."

What Larson excelled at most was tennis. He had played at Alfred University, in upstate New York and, later, professionally, becoming the fourth-ranked doubles player in New England in the early '90s. By then, he had moved back to Duxbury to join the staff of the Kingsbury Tennis Club as a certified instructor.

Now, Larson is ready for a change. He hopes to move to the South to open a golf business, get married ("I'd like to have been luckier in love"), and have a family. How has he come to terms with having a successful father, now in his 70s? "His were big shoes to fill. But one thing I've come to learn about my father is how ethical he was. If I can match him in that, I don't put as much pressure on myself to match him in financially successful terms."

And being selected Most Likely to Succeed? Although he was pleased, "It's a bit of an albatross," he says. "You think, 'Gee, I hope I don't end up in a home for wayward wanderers.'"